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Complaint Form (10/09)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Charles Jeffrey Peterson Jr

Complete Mailing Address 1322 RD 261 Glendive Montana 59330

Phone Numbers: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home 406-941-1538

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Glendive Unified School/Rhett Coon Facilities Director

Complete Mailing Address 900 N Merrill Ave Glendive Montana 59330

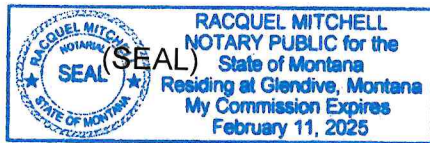
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Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Dawson

I, Charles Jeffrey Peterson Jr, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Charles Jeffrey Peterson Jr  
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Racquel Mitchell  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/11/25

**Statement of facts:**

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s), including pertinent dates, and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

During the July 4th City Parade the school staff was handing out flyer's encouraging patrons to Vote for the upcoming School Bond, Stating Vote with your Heart. The Flyer's they were handing did not contain a Paid for By, these same flyer's were also being handed out inside the High School Facility on 07/26/2023 by the staff during the pre-bond walk through inspection of the facilities at the High School @1900 hrs, Evidence shows in the Glendive Ranger Review on 07/29/2023 Front Page Rhett Coon Holding one of the two handouts discussing the importances of passing the bond, Who Printed them? who Paid for the Materials? and foremost how many hours of staff time was dedicated to the process? i believe they Violated the MCA sections outlined, 13-1-101(6)(a), MCA, 13-35-226(4), MCA.

**Complaint must be:**

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by certified mail.



The monthly cost of the bond and levy for a ranch that has 200 acres of irrigated farmland and 3,000 acres of grazing is like filling up your gas tank once a month, ensuring you have the fuel to get you where you need to go.



Supporting our schools with a \$5.85 monthly contribution (on a \$100,000 home) is comparable to treating yourself to a small pizza once a month – a delicious investment in our community's future!



The impact of the bond and levy on a \$200,000 home is akin to subscribing to a popular streaming service for just over \$11 a month. By choosing to support our schools, you're giving your family access to a world of educational opportunities.



For the price of a cup of coffee every week, you can help shape the future of our students. The cost of the bond and levy for a section of dryland farm and grazing land is less than the price of a specialty coffee drink once a week.



Supporting the bond and levy for a \$200,000 home is equivalent to purchasing a few books throughout the year. By investing in our schools, you're providing countless educational resources for our students' growth and development.

*\*Remember, these are just examples to demonstrate the affordable nature of supporting the bond and levy. We understand the importance of being mindful of your budget while striving for the best education for our students.*

*\*We would like to acknowledge that assessing the precise impact on individual parcels of rural land presents challenges due to various factors such as productivity value, land use (grazing versus irrigation), and other variables unique to each property. Therefore, we encourage rural landowners to consult with local tax authorities or use the following website to obtain more precise information tailored to their individual situations. <https://svc.mt.gov/dor/property/prc>*

✓ **VOTE YES  
ON AUGUST 8TH**

for the High School District Bond and Levy!

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## DAWSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sample Mill Levy Impact Analysis | Building Reserve Fund Levy & GO Bond Issue

	<b>5 Year Building Reserve Levy</b>	<b>\$8,000,000 HS 15-Year Bond</b>
<b>Estimated Mill Levy Computation:</b>		
Par Amount of the Bond:		<u>\$8,000,000</u>
Total Estimated Interest Over 15-Year Term of the Bonds (1):		\$3,561,250
<b>Estimated Annual Levy on Tax Rolls:</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$770,750</b>
Divided By: District's 2022/23 Mill Value:	<u>\$22,497.441</u>	<u>\$22,497.441</u>
<b>EQUALS: Estimated Number of Mills Required:</b>	<b>17.78</b>	<b>34.26</b>

### Estimated Tax Increase for Individual RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYERS:

2022/23 Tax Year "MARKET VALUE" of Residential Property (2)	2022/23 Tax Year "TAXABLE VALUE" of Residential Property (2)	Estimated ANNUAL Tax (3)	Estimated MONTHLY Tax (3)	Estimated ANNUAL Tax (3)	Estimated MONTHLY Tax (3)
\$100,000	\$1,350	\$24.00	\$2.00	\$46.25	\$3.85
\$200,000	\$2,700	\$48.01	\$4.00	\$92.50	\$7.71
\$300,000	\$4,050	\$72.01	\$6.00	\$138.75	\$11.56

*NOTE: All property owners (including farming and ranching operations, commercial businesses, home owners etc...) should use the following formula to calculate the estimated tax impact of the Bond issue. Look up the Property's "Taxable Value" from Personal Tax Statement or the following State website (<http://svc.mt.gov/dor/property/pre>) and use the following formula: **"Taxable Value" X Mills/1,000 = Estimated Annual Tax Impact of the Levy/Bonds***

- (1) Based on an estimated average coupon rate of 5.00% (and a true interest cost rate of approximately 4.00%) over 15 Years for sample purposes.
- (2) Based upon Class 4 residential property. The "Market Valuation" for tax purposes will be different than the valuation of most residential real property for resale purposes. To better calculate the estimated tax impact of the levy/bond issue, property owners should look up their exact taxable value as shown on their personal tax statement and use the formula shown above in grey.
- (3) Tax Impacts are based on property tax legislation adopted at the 2015 Legislative Session and the 2021 Department of Revenue reappraisal effective for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 tax years. Tax impact information varies every year depending on such factors as District Mill Value, method of calculating taxable valuation and actual debt service.

# SUPPORT STRONG SCHOOLS FOR A THRIVING COMMUNITY!

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND & LEVY

## WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

- ✓ **Strong Schools, Thriving Community:** Investing in our schools means investing in our community's future. Quality education is the cornerstone of a thriving and prosperous community.
- ✓ **Student Success:** Our students deserve the best opportunities for success. Voting YES for the bond and levy ensures they have access to modern facilities, updated resources, and a safe learning environment.
- ✓ **Attracting Families and Businesses:** Strong schools are a magnet for families looking to settle in our community. When families see that we prioritize education, it enhances property values and attracts businesses, fostering economic growth.
- ✓ **Community Pride:** Our schools are the heart of our community. By supporting the bond and levy, we demonstrate our commitment to providing the best educational experience for our students and take pride in our community.
- ✓ **Preserving Property Values:** High-quality schools are a critical factor in maintaining property values. Investing in our schools ensures a positive impact on the overall value and desirability of our community.
- ✓ **Educational Opportunities:** Passage of the bond and levy guarantees the necessary funds for essential repairs, technology upgrades, and expanded educational programs. Our students deserve access to the resources needed for a well-rounded education.
- ✓ **Fiscal Responsibility:** While it may require an investment, supporting the bond and levy is a responsible use of funds. It ensures that repairs and improvements are made promptly and prevents costlier issues down the road.

✓ **VOTE YES  
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for the High School District Bond and Levy!

Spread the Word: Encourage your friends and neighbors to support our schools.

Get Involved: Join our advocacy group to actively support our schools to ensure a brighter future for our students and a stronger future for Glendive.

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**TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE!**

# PROJECTS THAT WILL BE FUNDED BY THE \$8,000,000 HIGH SCHOOL BOND:

## HVAC Replacement Project: Estimated Cost \$2,250,000

By supporting the bond you will be approving the replacement of the existing steam heat system with standard rooftop heating and cooling systems in combination with High-Efficiency EER Mini-Split Heat Pump Systems.

## Electrical Upgrades and Repairs: Estimated Cost \$1,175,000

Your support of the bond means that critical safety upgrades and replacement of the lights throughout the auditorium and the replacement of the electrical panel, breakers, drops and a new ventilation system in the metal shop can occur.

## Roof Replacement: Estimated Cost \$2,200,000

Original construction of DCHS was completed in 1963 and 1969. It was reroofed at approximately 30 years in 1998 and 2001. It is now 30 years later and half of the facility needs to be reroofed. By voting "yes" to the bond you are approving this project.

## Fire Alarm: Estimated Cost \$250,000

In 2020, with previous Building Reserve Levy funding, DCHS was able to upgrade the obsolete Fire Control Panel to a new panel that is expandable, upgradable and non-proprietary. This panel should serve us for decades to come. Your support of the bond means that the rest of the system will be upgraded to include the wiring in of new heat and smoke detectors which will be able to tell us exactly where in the facility we are experiencing an activation when one occurs.

## Access Control: Estimated Cost \$150,000

Access control is an essential part of any school's security infrastructure, but when it's constantly failing, it becomes a major liability. By voting "yes" to this bond you are approving the installation of an updated system that will provide enhanced security features, such as real-time monitoring, automated alerts and access logs that will help identify security breaches and prevent unauthorized access to our school building. With an updated access control system, we can provide a safer more secure environment for our students, staff and visitors.

## Building Security – Exterior Doors and Entrances: Estimated Cost \$450,000

Upgrading and maintaining our building security system is crucial to creating a safe and secure environment for our students and staff. By voting "yes" to this bond you are approving the installation of new and more secure locks, upgrading the surveillance system and making necessary repairs and structural upgrades to exterior doors and entrances.

## Technology Infrastructure: Estimated Cost \$600,000

Technology infrastructure needs have changed dramatically in the 30 years since our current system was designed. By supporting the bond you are approving the upgrade and modernization of the wiring, upgrading of the districts servers and backup system, replacement of outdated network switches and improvements to the access points of the school.

## Oakland Complex Track and Turf Maintenance: Estimated Cost \$150,000

Maintaining a turf field and track is essential to ensuring their longevity and optimal performance. The rubberized track needs a structural spray applied to it and the football field requires professional grooming every 5 years. Your support of the bond means that this maintenance can be performed allowing the community and school use of the beautiful facility for years to come.

## Gymnasium Bleachers Replacement: Estimated Cost \$350,000

By voting "yes" to the bond you are approving the replacement of our old gymnasium bleachers with new, safe and accessible ones that will meet the needs of our diverse student body and community.

## Auditorium Seating: Estimated Cost \$275,000

The auditorium at our school has been a staple of our community for many years, hosting countless events and performances for students, families and community members, but the current seats are 54 years old, and it is no longer possible to get replacement parts for them. Your support of the bond means that new seating will be placed in the auditorium to ensure that the show can go on!

## Flooring Replacement: Estimated Cost \$150,000

Replacing the flooring in the auditorium is not just a want, but a need. The worn and damaged flooring poses a safety hazard to those who use the auditorium. By supporting the bond you approving the installation of a new, durable flooring solution that will provide a safer and more visually appealing environment for school and community events.

Handwritten calculations and notes:

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For more information regarding the levy and bond, visit [www.glendiveschools.com](http://www.glendiveschools.com).